AFter my hearty Commendations, **Whereas** there was formerly ſent you ſeveral Printed Copies of the Act for laying Impoſitions on Proceedings at Law, together with the Copy of an Order and Reſolution of the late Lord Keeper, and diverſe of the Judges and others, whoſe Aſſiſtance was deſired for the better promoting His Majeſties Service. Which Order (amongſt other things) concerned the Suppreſſing of Unlicenſed Ale-houſes, and directed, that perſons Licenſed might duly enter into Recognizances, and that the **Duty** of *Two ſhillings Six pence* due to His Majeſty for every ſuch Recognizance entred into, ſhould be received thereupon. And that ſuch Recognizances ſhould be certified, and remain of Record in the Court of Quarter Seſſions, as is directed by the Statute of 5 & 6 *Edw.6.* And whereas by a Letter of the 22. of *June* 1671. the late Lords Commiſſioners of His Majeſties Treaſury, Did eſpecially recommend it to your Care, to put the ſaid Order in Execution. And His Majeſty having thought fit to let to Farm the Duties ariſing by vertue of the ſaid Act. To **Peter Calverd**, **Samuel Vincent**, Eſq; and others, And to the End his Majeſties Intereſt may be promoted, and all due Countenance and Encouragement given to the ſaid *Perſons* in collecting and receiving the ſaid **Duty**, Theſe are therefore to deſire you, That at the General Quarter Seſſions hereafter to be holden, next after the Feaſt of the *Epiphany* of our Lord in every Year, you give Notice to the ſaid **Perſons**, or ſuch as ſhall attend you on their behalfs, of ſuch Dayes and Places as you ſhall appoint Meetings for the Granting Lincenſes to Ale-houſe-keepers, to the end the ſaid **Duty** of *Two ſhillings Six pence* may be duly collected and paid to the ſaid Perſons, or their Agents: And if none ſhall happen to Attend, That then the ſaid **Duty** be paid to ſuch other ſufficient perſon or perſons as you your ſelves ſhall Appoint to receive the ſame; ſuch perſon or perſons keeping Books of Entries thereof, and Accompting for the Money Received, upon Oath, and paying the ſame to the ſaid Perſons or their Agents. The full and effectuall execution hereof, as alſo of the Suppreſſing of all Unlicenced Ale-houſes, I eſpecially recommend to your Care, aſſuring you that your Care herein will be very Acceptable to his Majeſty. And ſo I bid you heartily Farewell, and Remain

Wallingford-Houſe,
January, 1672.

Your very Loving Friend,

CLIFFORD.

To His Majeſties Juſtices of the Peace for the County of

A True Copy of the

Lord High Treasurers LETTER,

TO THE

Justices of the Peace,

Concerning the **Duty** of *Two Shillings Six Pence* on Recognizances for Alehouses.